

REMARKS

Claims 1-27, 31, 32, 37-43, 45, 46, and 54-58 are pending in the application. The indication of allowance of Claims 1-27, 31, 32, 37-43, 45, and 46 is noted with appreciation. Claims 54-58 have been rejected. To advance to issuance a patent directed to the allowed subject matter, Claims 54-58 have been canceled without acquiescence to the Examiner's rejection, without abandonment of the subject matter of the canceled claims, and without prejudice to applicants to seek patent protection for the subject matter of the canceled claims.

In view of the cancellation of Claims 54-58, applicants believe that the application is in condition for allowance. If any issues remain that may be expeditiously addressed in a telephone interview, the Examiner is encouraged to telephone applicants' attorney at 206.695.1755.

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